

AMERICAN LITERATURE I: Spring 2015
Final Exam Quotation List

QUOTE: 'Twas mercy brought me from my pagan land, Taught my benighted soul to understand.

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley, *On Being Brought from Africa to America*, 1357

QUOTE: "Their colour is a diabolic die."

SOURCE: Wheatley. *On Being Brought from Africa to America*. Vol B. Pg. 1357

QUOTE: Remember, *Christians, Negros*, black as Cain, May be refin'd and join th'angelic train.
(P 1357)

SOURCE: Phillis Wheatley, *On Being Brought from Africa to America*

QUOTE: I long hear that you have declared an independency – and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors.

SOURCE: Abigail Adams, "Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams, March 31, 1776,"
P1069

QUOTE: Depend upon it, We know better than to repeal our Masculine systems. Altho they are in full Force, you know they are little more than Theory. We dare not exert our Power in its full Latitude.

SOURCE: John Adams. "Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, April 14, 1776". Vol A.
Pg.1069

QUOTE: As to your extraordinary Code of Laws, I cannot but laugh. (P 1069)

SOURCE: Adams, *Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams*

QUOTE: We are taxed twice as much by our *Idleness*, three times as much by our *Pride*, and four times as much our *Folly*, and from these Taxes the Commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing and Abatement.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin. *The Way to Wealth*. Vol A. Pg.914

QUOTE: If you would know the value of Money, go and try to borrow some

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin "The Way to Wealth" Vol A. page 917

QUOTE: But Poverty often deprives a Man of all Spirit and Virtue: "Tis hard for an empty bag to stand upright, as *Poor Richard* truly says.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, *The Way to Wealth*, p.918

QUOTE: Savages we call them, because their manners differ from ours, which we think the perfection of Civility; they think the same of theirs (P 927)

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, *Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America*

QUOTE: The more thinking of the spectators were of opinion, that any person so bound and placed in the water (unless they were mere skin and bones) would swim till their breath was gone, or their lungs filled with water. (P 920)

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, *A Witch trial at Mount Holly*

QUOTE: "I unhappily lost my own Honour, by trusting to his; for he got me with Child, and then forsook me: That very Person you all know; he is now become a Magistrate of this Country"

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, "The Speech of Polly Baker" P921

QUOTE: My Companion at his Press, drank every day a Pint before Breakfast, a Pint at Breakfast with his Bread and Cheese, a Pint between Breakfast and Dinner; a Pint at Dinner; a Pint in the afternoon about Six o'Clock, and another when he had done his Day's-Work. I thought it a detestable Custom. But it was necessary, he suppos'd, to drink *strong* Beer that he might be *strong* to labour.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin. *The Autobiography*. Vol A. Pg. 965.

QUOTE: In order to secure my Credit and Character as a Tradesman, I took care not only to be in *Reality* Industrious and frugal, but to avoid all *Appearances* of the Contrary.

SOURCE: Benjamin Franklin, *The Autobiography*, P980

QUOTE: They are a mixture of English, Scotch, Irish, French, Dutch, Germans, and Swedes. From this promiscuous breed, that race now called Americans have arisen.

SOURCE: J. Hector St. John De Crevecoeur. *From Letters from an American Farmer*. (1015)

QUOTE: "We have moreover found these miserable savages sunk into a state of the utmost ignorance and depravity, every man shamelessly living with his own wife, and rearing his own children, instead of indulging in the community of wives, enjoined by the law of nature, as expounded by the philosophers of the moon."

SOURCE: Washington Irvine, *A History of New York*, 2308

QUOTE: "they find, that where any mental superiority exists, a woman is generally shunned and regarded as stepping out of her 'appropriate sphere,' which in their view, is to dress, to dance, to

set out to the best possible advantage of her person, to read the novels which inundate the press, and which do more to destroy her character as a rational creature, than anything else.”

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke, *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Women* P2444

QUOTE: “During the early part of my life, my lot was cast among the butterflies of the *fashionable* world; and of this class of women, I am constrained to say, both from experience and observation, that their education is miserably deficient; that they are taught to regard marriage as the one thing needful, the only avenue to distinction; hence to attract the notice and win the attention of men, by their external charms, is the chief business of fashionable girls.”

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke, *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman*, 2444

QUOTE: Fashionable women regard themselves, and are regarded by men, as pretty toys or as mere instruments of pleasure; and the vacuity of mind, the heartlessness, the frivolity which is necessary result of this false and debasing estimate of women can only be fully understood by those who have been mingled in the folly and wickedness of fashionable life...

SOURCE: Sarah Moore Grimke. *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman*. Vol B. Pg. 2444

QUOTE: All I complain is, that our education consists so almost exclusively in culinary and other manual operations. P(2446)

SOURCE: Grimke, *Letters on the Equality of the Sexes*

QUOTE: “Alas! it is only in years that they are young.”

SOURCE: Fanny Fern, *The Working Girls of New York*, 2473

QUOTE: When I see such a narrow, snarling criticism as the above, I always say to myself, the writer is some unhappy man, who has come up without the refining influence of mother, or sister, or reputable female friends; who has divided his migratory life between boarding-houses, restaurants, and the outskirts of editorial sanctums; and who knows as much about reviewing a woman’s book, as I do about navigating a ship, or engineering an omnibus from the South Ferry, through Broadway, to Union Park.

SOURCE: Fern. *Male Criticism on Ladies Books*. Vol B. Pg. 2468

QUOTE: We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to ensure these rights governments are instituted

deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. (P 2477)

SOURCE: Elizabeth Stanton, *Declaration of Sentiments*

QUOTE: “He has created a false public sentiment by giving to the world a different code of morals for men and women, by which moral delinquencies which exclude women from society, are not only tolerated, but deemed of little account in man.”

SOURCE: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, *Declaration of Sentiments*, 2478

QUOTE: There is still another aspect under which the beauty of the world may be viewed, namely, as it becomes an object of the intellect.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*, p.1832

QUOTE: A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise, shall give him no peace.

SOURCE: Emerson. *Self-Reliance*. Vol B. Pg. 1869

QUOTE: Society everywhere is in conspiracy against the manhood of every one of its members. Society is a joint-stock company in which the members agree for the better securing of his bread to each shareholder, to surrender the liberty and culture of the eater. The virtue in most request is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion. It loves not realities and creators, but names and customs.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson. “Self-Reliance.” Vol B. Pg. 1871.

QUOTE: With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson “Self-Reliance” page 1874

QUOTE: To go into solitude, a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*, P1826

QUOTE: If our young men miscarry in their first enterprises, they lose all heart. If the young man fails, men say he is *ruined*.

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self-Reliance*, P1881

QUOTE: “At home I dream that at Naples, at Rome, I can be intoxicated with beauty, and lose my sadness. I pack my trunk, embrace my friends, embark on the sea, and at last wake up in

Naples, and there beside me is the stern Fact, the sad self, unrelenting, identical, that I fled from.”

SOURCE: Ralph Waldo Emerson *Self-Reliance* P1883

QUOTE: But, to speak practically and as a citizen, unlike those who call themselves no-government men, I ask for, not at once no government, but *at once* a better government. Let every man make known what kind of government would command his respect, and that will be one step toward obtaining it.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau. *Resistance to Civil Government*. Vol B. Pg.1980

QUOTE: The American government,- what is it but a tradition, though a recent one, endeavoring to transmit itself unimpaired to posterity, but each instant losing some of its integrity?

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, *Resistance to Civil Government*, p.1980

QUOTE: If the injustice is part of the necessary friction of the machine of government, let it go: perchance it will wear smooth, - certainly the machine will wear out.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau, *Resistance to Civil Government*, p. 1986

QUOTE: Those who call themselves abolitionists should at once effectually withdraw their support, both in person and property, from the government of Massachusetts, and not wait till they constitute a majority of one, before they suffer the right to prevail through them

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau “Resistance to Civil Government” Vol B. Page 1986

QUOTE: If the injustice has a spring, or a pulley, or a rope, or a crank, exclusively for itself, then perhaps you may consider whether the remedy will not be worse than the evil; but if it is of such a nature that it requires you to be the agent of injustice to another, then, I say, break the law. Let your life be a counter friction to stop the machine.

SOURCE: Henry David Thoreau. “*Resistance to Civil Government*.” Vol B. Pg. 1986.

QUOTE: Master would keep this lacerated young woman tied up in this horrid situation four or five hours at a time. I have known him to tie her up early in the morning, and whip her before breakfast; leave her, go to his store, return at dinner, and whip her again, cutting her in the places already made raw with his cruel lash.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave” Vol B page 2198

QUOTE: Let the calumniators or the colored race despise themselves for their baseness and illiberality of spirit, and henceforth cease to talk of the natural inferiority of those who require nothing but time and opportunity to attain to the highest point of human excellence.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, P2165-2166

QUOTE: I have no accurate knowledge of my age, never having seen any authentic record containing it. By far a larger part of the slaves know as little of their ages as horses know of theirs, and it is the wish of most masters within my knowledge to keep their slaves thus ignorant.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, p.2171

QUOTE: Their yearly clothing consisted of two major coarse linen shirts, one pair of linen trousers, like the shirts, one jacket, one pair of trousers for winter, made of coarse negro cloth, one pair of stockings and one pair of shoes; the whole of which could not of cost more than seven dollars. (P 2175)

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*

QUOTE: It is partly in consequence of such facts, that slaves, when inquired of as to their condition and the character of their masters, almost universally say they are contented, and that their masters are kind.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, and American Slave*. Vol B. Pg.2180

QUOTE: To be accused was to be convicted, and to be convicted was to be punished, the one always following the other with immutable certainty.

SOURCE: Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, p.2181

QUOTE: "And here I saw what I had never seen before; it was a white face beaming with the most kindly emotions; it was the face of my new mistress, Sophia Auld."

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, 2185

QUOTE: "That which to him was a great evil, to be carefully shunned, was to me a great good, to be diligently sought; and the argument which he so warmly urged against my learning to read, only served to inspire me with a desire and determination to learn."

SOURCE: Fredrick Douglass *Narrative of the life of Fredrick Douglass, an American Slave* P2187-2188

QUOTE: I have already intimated that my condition was much worse, during the first six months of my stay at Mr. Covey's, than in the last six. The circumstances leading to the change in Mr.

Covey's course toward me form an epoch in my humble history. You have seen how a man was made a slave; you shall see how a slave was made a man.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave." Vol B. Pg. 2203

QUOTE: It would astonish one, unaccustomed to a slave-holding life, to see with what wonderful ease a slave-holder can find things, of which to make occasion to whip a slave.

SOURCE: Douglass. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, as an American Slave*. Vol B. Pg. 2210

QUOTE: What I have said respecting and against religion, I mean strictly to apply to the *slaveholding religion* of this land, and with no possible reference to Christianity proper; for, between the Christianity of this land, and the Christianity of Christ, I recognize the widest possible difference- so wide, that to receive the one as good, pure, and holy, is of necessity to reject the other as bad, corrupt, and wicked.

SOURCE: Frederick Douglass. "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave." Vol B. Pg. 2230

QUOTE: "The sun walked up beautiful, salutin' me with sich a wind o' gratitude that it mad me sneeze. I lit my pipe by the blaze o' his top-knot, shouldered my bear. An' walked home, introducin' people to the fresh daylight with a piece of sunrise in my pocket."

SOURCE: Davey Crockett "Sunrise in His Pocket" P2488

QUOTE: I did not wake till near sundown; and I don't know when I should have waked, had it not been for somebody tugging at my hair. As soon as I felt this, though I wan't more than half awake, I begun to feel to see if my thum' nail was on, as that was all the ammuniion I had about me.

SOURCE: Davy Crockett, "A Pretty Predicament" p.2489

QUOTE: "I always had the praise o' raisin the tallest and fattest, and sassiest gals in all America."

SOURCE: David Crockett, Crockett's Daughter, 2490

QUOTE: I'm the very infant that refused his milk before its eyes were open, and called out for a bottle of old Rye. I love the women an' I'm chockfull o' fight!

SOURCE: Mike Fink, Mike Fink's Brag

QUOTE: It is impossible to say how first the idea entered my brain; but once conceived, it haunted me day and night.

SOURCE: Poe. *The Tell-Tale Heart*. Vol B. Pg. 2727

QUOTE: The old man's hour had come! With a loud yell, I threw open the lantern and leaped into the room. He shrieked once- once only. In an instant I dragged him to the floor, and pulled the heavy bed over him. I then smiled gaily, to find the deed so far done. But, for many minutes, the heart beat on with a muffled sound.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe. "The Tell-Tale Heart." Vol B. Pg. 2729.

QUOTE: And this maiden she lived with no other thought
 Than to love and be loved by me.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe "Annabel Lee" Vol. B page 2768

QUOTE:
 I was a child and *she* was a child,

 In this kingdom by the sea,

 But we loved with a love that was more than love-

 I and my ANNABEL LEE-

 With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven

 Coveted her and me.

SOURCE: Edgar Allan Poe. "Annabel Lee." Vol B. Pg. 2768

QUOTE: And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side
 Of my darling – my darling – my life and my bride,
 In the sepulchre there by the sea-
 I her tomb by the surrounding sea.

SOURCE: Edgar Allen Poe. "Annabel Lee". Vol B. Pg.2768

QUOTE: Thy trills of shrieks by rocks and hills return'd
Launch'd o'er the prairies wide, across the lakes,
To the free skies unpent and glad and strong

SOURCE: Walt Whitman "To A Locomotive in Winter" Vol B. 3321

QUOTE: I saw battle-corpses, myriads of them,
And the white skeletons of young men, I saw them,

I saw the debris and debris of all the dead soldiers of the war,
But I saw they were not as was thought,
They themselves were fully at rest, they suffer'd not,
The living remain'd and suffer'd, the mother suffer'd,
And the wife and the child and the musing comrade suffer'd,
And the armies that remain'd suffer'd.

SOURCE: SOURCE: Walt Whitman, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd",